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7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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10 United States of America,
11 Plaintiff,
12 vs.
13 James B. Panther, Jr.,
14 Defendant.

NO. CR-19-00448-PHX-DLR-2

**EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL OF
RECORD**

15 Pursuant to Local Rule 83.3(b)(1) of the United States District Court of Arizona,
16 Dennis K. Burke and Mark S. Kokanovich of Ballard Spahr LLP request to withdraw as
17 counsel of record for Defendant James B. Panther, Jr. ("Defendant") in the above-captioned
18 action. We have extensively discussed this Motion and our basis for filing with Mr.
19 Panther. Ballard Spahr's withdrawal will not prejudice Mr. Panther in this matter, nor
20 substantially impede the progress of it. Prior to making this Motion, Ballard Spahr advised
21 Mr. Panther that it would be forced to make a motion to withdraw as counsel. Mr. Panther
22 declined to consent to Ballard Spahr's withdrawal as counsel.

23 Mr. Burke is leaving the private practice of law and he has served exclusively as
24 Defendant's counsel since virtually the inception of the representation. The firm is
25 prepared to provide further justification in camera to the Court.

26 It is hereby requested that Dennis K. Burke, Mark S. Kokanovich and Ballard Spahr
27 LLP be removed from any and all applicable service lists and that the Clerk terminate all
28 delivery of all CM/ECF Notices addressed to the following email addresses in the above-

captioned action:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of August, 2022.

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